Maryland Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife and Heritage Service

Gwynnbrook Wildlife Management Area 3740 Gwynnbrook Avenue Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 410-356-9272

Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area 2015-2016

Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area is allowing archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun deer hunting for the 2015-2016 hunting season. Certain restrictions may apply. Soldiers Delight is approximately 2000 acres and is located in Baltimore County. All hunters are required to have a Managed Hunt Permit to hunt Soldiers Delight (\$35.00 and issued at any licensing agent or available online through your COMPASS account). Additionally, hunters need a Central Region Public Hunting Permit (free) and reservation, both of which will be issued through the Gwynnbrook Office in Owings Mills, Maryland. Reservations will be available between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday from August 10, 2015 through January 29, 2016. The permit office will be closed on all State Holidays.

<u>REGISTRATION</u>: A seasonal permit will be issued to each hunter who registers with the permit coordinator at the Gwynnbrook Office. To register, a hunter may:

- a.) Visit the Gwynnbrook Office (Mon. through Fri., 7:30 11:30 a.m.), and present their hunting license at that time. Or,
- b.) Apply online at http://dnr2.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/publiclands/wmacentral.aspx. Online applications will be processed within 1-2 business days. Permits will be sent to hunters via email. Or,
- c.) Mail a photocopy of their hunting license, daytime phone number, and vehicle tag # to the permit coordinator at the Gwynnbrook Office. Include a letter-sized envelope with return address and first class postage. (We do not accept licenses by fax.)

<u>RESERVATIONS</u>: A seasonal permit only entitles a hunter to make daily reservations. Hunters must have a permit AND a reservation to hunt. Violators of these rules will be prosecuted.

Daily reservations are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, and may be made either by phone from 7:30-11:30am OR in person from 8:30-11:30am, Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made up to 8 calendar days prior to the day of the hunt. A hunter may make two reservations per phone call. Reservations left on the answering machine will not be honored and calls will not be returned.

If unable to hunt, you must cancel your reservation at least 24 hours in advance so that another hunter may utilize the opportunity to hunt. Cancelations may be left on the answering machine at the Gwynnbrook Office at 410-356-9272.

Permission to hunt does not include permission to trap, target shoot, build or use permanent tree stands, camp, build fires, or litter. Parking is allowed in designated parking areas only. Please do not block gates. Failure to comply with any of these rules, and any hunting regulations, will result in a fine and/or suspension from the program.

<u>HUNTING ZONES:</u> Soldiers Delight NEA has been divided into 7 hunting zones. When making reservations hunters must specify which zone they would like to hunt. Hunters must remain in the zone for which they are reserved.

Opening dates of zones vary due to the sensitivity of the rare plants present on Soldiers Delight NEA, and the likelihood of spreading invasive plants.

Zone	Opening Date	Hunters Allowed Per Day
Zone 1	September 11, 2015	10
Zone 2	September 11, 2015	4
Zone 3	November 30, 2015	4
Zone 4	November 11, 2015	4
Zone 5	November 11, 2015	14
Zone 6	November 11, 2015	10
Zone 7	November 11, 2015	4

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS:

- All zones will be closed to hunting from January 11-22, 2016 for the 2-day lottery Managed Hunt occurring January 21st and 22nd (applications in the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping).
- No hunting will be allowed on Saturdays during the 2 week Shotgun Season (Nov. 28 Dec. 12, 2015).
- Hunters are required to use Muzzleloaders during the Early and Late Muzzleloader Seasons and may use a Muzzleloader or Shotgun during the Shotgun Season. Archery equipment will not be allowed during these seasons.
- Hunters must follow the flagged path (marked with yellow flagging) through Zone 3 when accessing Zone 2 prior to November 30th. See attached map for location of trail.
- Hunters may open the coded gate to enter the parking area on Deer Park Road, South of the intersection of Wards Chapel Road and Deer Park Road, between Zones 5&6 using code 2020. Please lock gate behind you.
- Scouting is allowed on Sundays only. Areas will not be open for scouting until after the Zone opening date in the table above. Park trails are open year-round.
- All regulations established by the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources apply. This includes season bag limits and hunter orange requirements.
- Soldiers Delight NEA is open for deer hunting ONLY. No other game species may be hunted.

LAND CODES: Use these codes to check in your harvest.

• Baltimore County: 03

• Soldiers Delight NEA: 346

Soldiers Delight Hunting Schedule 2015-2016

September 2015								October 2015									
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				
		1	2	3	4	X					1	2	3				
X	X	\mathbb{X}	\mathbb{X}	X	11	12	\mathbb{X}	5	6	7	8	9	10				
X	14	15	16	17	18	19	X	12	13	14	15	16	17				
X	21	22	23	24	25	26	\mathbb{X}	19	20	21	22	23	24				
X	28	29	30				X	26	27	28	29	30	31				

November 2015					December 2015							January 2016								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	Т	W	T	F	S
X	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	X						1	2
X	9	10	11	12	13	14	X	7	8	9	10	11	X	X	4	5	6	7	8	9
X	16	17	18	19	20	21	X	14	15	16	17	18	19	X	X	X	X	X	X	×
X	23	24	25	26	27	X	X	21	22	23	24	25	26	X	×	X	X	X	X	23
X	30						X	28	29	30	31			\searrow	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Archery S					Shot	Shotgun				Muzzleloader				No Hunting					



